

## Attachment B

### Management of Northern Boundary Coho

1. The Government of Canada and the Government of the United States (the “Parties”) agree on the following actions to be taken by their respective management authorities in implementation of the conservation provisions of the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

2. If projected all-gear commercial catch of coho salmon in Southeast Alaska is less than 1.1 million wild fish (as determined from the historical relationship between average catch per boat day in the Alaska troll fishery during statistical weeks 28 and 29 and the total all-gear coho catch in Southeast Alaska), then Alaska will close its troll fishery for up to seven days beginning on or about July 25. If Alaska closes its troll fishery based on this assessment, Canada will close its troll fishery in Areas 1, 3, 4, 5 and adjacent off-shore areas for the same time period.

3. If the Alaska Fisheries Performance District (“FPD”) Area 6 troll fishery statistical week 27, 28 and 29 average catch per boat day is:

(a) less than 10, Alaska will close its troll during statistical weeks 31, 32 and 33 in waters south of a line from

- 1) Male Point at 54°47’46”N - 130°36’57”W to
- 2) Foggy Point at 54°55’20”N - 130° 58’43”W to
- 3) Duke Point at 54°55’20”N - 131°11’52”W to
- 4) Percy Point at 54°56’49”N - 131°36’58”W to
- 5) Rip Point at 55°02’15”N - 131°58’51”W to
- 6) Leading Point at 54°48’43”N - 132°22’25”W to
- 7) Dall Island at 54°48’43”N - 132°49’06”W to
- 8) Sakie Point at 55°03’25”N - 133°13’30”W to
- 9) Eagle Point on Dall Island at 55°14’32”N - 133°13’06”W to
- 10) Point Arboleda at 55°19’08”N - 133°27’35”W to
- 11) Point San Roque at 54°20’12”N - 133° 32’36”W to
- 12) Cape Ulitka at 55°33’47”N - 133°43’39”W to
- 13) Cape Lynch at 55°46’59”N - 133°41’47”W to
- 14) Helm Point at 55°49’34”N - 134°16’41”W and then
- 15) westward along the parallel of latitude of 55°49’34”N to the limit of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone.

Canada agrees to close its troll fishery in Areas 1, 3, 4, 5 and adjacent offshore areas for the same time period.<sup>1</sup>

(b) between 10 and 14, Alaska will close its troll fishery during statistical weeks 31 and 32 in waters south of a line from:

- 1) Male Point at 54° 47’46”N - 130°36’57”W to
- 2) Foggy Point at 54°55’20”N - 130°58’43”W to
- 3) Duke Point at 54°55’20”N - 131°11’52”W to
- 4) Percy Point at 54° 56’49”N - 131° 36’58”W to

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<sup>1</sup> The Parties agree to review the decision to close the fishery after fourteen days and consider any new information regarding the need for continuation of the fishery closure.

- 5) Rip Point at 55°02'15"N - 131°58'51"W to
- 6) Leading Point at 54°48'43"N - 132°22'25"W to
- 7) Dall Island at 54°48'43"N - 132° 49'06"W to
- 8) Sakie Point at 55°03'25" - 133°13'30"W and then
- 9) westward along the parallel of latitude of 55°03'25"N to the limit of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone.

Canada agrees to close its troll fishery in Areas 1, 3, 4 and 5 for the same time period.

(c) between 15 and 22, Alaska will close its troll fishery beginning in statistical week 31 and continuing for 10 days in the same waters referred to in subparagraph (b) above. Canada agrees to close its troll fishery in Areas 1, 3, 4 and 5 for the same time period.

4. In addition, the Parties agree:

(a) Canadian managers from the North Coast Division and U.S. managers from Southeast Alaska will exchange on a weekly basis information on coho regarding stock status, catches and fishery management information including open areas and times for each fishery;

(b) the Northern Boundary Technical Committee shall develop a work plan to develop MSY escapement goals for Skeena and Nass River coho, to improve stock assessment programs, to develop in-season and post-season abundance determinations and to improve fishery performance data;

(c) to complete by June 30, 1999, a bilateral report by the Northern Boundary Technical Committee on the status of coho salmon stocks in the Northern Boundary Area;

(d) that the calculation of the catch per unit effort (the "CPUE") associated with the closure of the Southeast Alaska troll fishery when the all-gear harvest is projected to be less than 1.1 million wild fish may change over time as methods and assessments improve. Any new method will be bilaterally reviewed prior to its implementation;

(e) that, in the event that Alaskan troll fishery effort in FPD Area 6 is insufficient to provide necessary CPUE data for the determination under paragraph 2 above, the Parties agree to consult prior to statistical week 29 and consider other in-season abundance data to make such determinations; and

(f) that, during the period of closure referred to above, the Parties may agree on the employment of selective fishing techniques in their troll fisheries to access other species or stocks pursuant to relevant Annex IV provisions.

5. Alaska will maintain its troll management plan with regard to closure of up to 10 days in early to mid August. Alaska may modify its troll management plan in future years to address or reduce incidental mortality of chinook in the coho fishery. Alaska will consult with Canada regarding any such changes prior to implementation.

6. The provisions of this agreement are without prejudice to the position of either Party with respect to the location of the maritime boundary in the Dixon Entrance area.